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SUBJECT: Motorcycle Accident -- Safety Alert 05-14

1. A Soldier recently, had a motorcycle accident on Fort Polk, vicinity Lookout Road and Range 6. He was traveling at excessive speed when he lost control of the motorcycle. The Soldier fractured his neck, ribs, and shoulder; punctured a lung; and numerous abrasions. He was wearing the proper protective clothing and had attended the motorcycle rider safety course.

2. **What were the mistakes?**


- a. Driving too fast.
- b. Over confidence in his abilities.

3. **Lessons Learned:**

- a. Drivers must operate their motorcycles at the appropriate speeds for all environmental and road conditions.
- b. Drivers must be aware of their skill level and abilities and ride within those capabilities.

4. Leaders must emphasize safe driving operations.

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